

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the amended claims. Claims 1-10 and 17-19 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1-9 and 17-18 have been canceled. Claim 10 has been amended. New claims 20-24 have been added.

Claim 10 has been amended to clarify that the analogues, variants, alleles, orthologues, parts and/or fragments of the proteins or polypeptides of SEQ ID NO: 1, 6 and/or 8 have at least 50% amino acid sequence identity with one or more of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 6 and/or 8 and also have alcohol dehydrogenase activity. Basis for this amendment can be found in the application as filed, for example from page 13 line 15 to page 14 line 12. In particular, reference to at least 50% amino acid sequence identity can be found on page 14 line 1 to 3. Suitable assays for determining whether the protein has alcohol dehydrogenase activity are described in particular on page 13 line 15 to 29. No new matter has been added.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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